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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Masaru DEGUCHI  
EARTH CONNECTION STRUCTURE, EARTH CONNECTING MEMBER AND EARTH  
CONNECTION METHOD  
**Assignee: NEC CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q68077

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 14 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 9 sheets of formal drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement with form PTO-1449 and reference.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	13	-	20	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	3	-	3	=	x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$740.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>								<b>\$740.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment								\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>								<b>\$780.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$740.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-012470	January 19, 2001

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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